

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of recording audiovisual contents broadcast according to a schedule, the method including:

- a step of selecting from an access terminal an  
5 audiovisual content to be recorded, the content being associated with a broadcast date and time, and

- a step of the access terminal receiving a record  
file of the selected audiovisual content, said file  
containing information identifying the audiovisual  
10 content and the scheduled date and time for broadcasting  
it,

and the method further comprising:

- a preliminary step of the access terminal  
selecting a set of contents having a common topic, said  
15 set being offered by an audiovisual content presentation  
server, which then executes the selection of the  
audiovisual content automatically on the basis of the  
selected set; and

- a step of updating the record file, especially in  
20 the event of modification of the audiovisual content  
selected by the presentation server.

2. A method according to claim 1 of recording audiovisual  
contents broadcast according to a schedule, wherein the  
25 updating step is executed if the date and/or the time of  
broadcasting the selected audiovisual content is  
modified.

3. A method according to claim 1 of recording audiovisual  
30 contents broadcast according to a schedule, wherein the  
updating step is executed if the selection of the  
audiovisual content selected by the presentation server  
is modified.

4. A method according to claim 1 of recording audiovisual  
35 contents broadcast according to a schedule, wherein the  
updating step is executed if the selected audiovisual

content is replaced by another audiovisual content or is cancelled.

5 5. A method according to claim 1 of recording audiovisual contents broadcast according to a schedule, wherein the record file includes at least one field marked by a markup and defining information identifying the corresponding audiovisual content, associated with data describing said content.

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6. A method according to claim 1 of recording audiovisual contents broadcast according to a schedule, wherein the record file includes at least one field marked by a markup and defining, for a given audiovisual content in  
15 the same file, a content identifier associated with a content already recorded in the storage means of the access terminal.

7. A method according to claim 1 of recording audiovisual  
20 contents broadcast according to a schedule, wherein the syntax of files exchanged between the access terminal and the server is defined by an unique data structure schema, in particular an XML schema.

25 8. A method according to claim 1 of recording audiovisual contents broadcast according to a schedule, wherein the presentation server comprises means for identifying a terminal that has selected an audiovisual content and the updating step includes notifying a modification relating  
30 to said audiovisual content as soon as the presentation server is notified of said modification.

9. A method according to claim 1 of recording audiovisual  
35 contents broadcast according to a schedule, wherein the record file includes the address of an update server for generating a request to update the record file sent by the terminal to the update server.

10. A method according to claim 9 of recording audiovisual contents broadcast according to a schedule, wherein the request is an HTTP request.

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11. A method according to claim 9 of recording audiovisual contents broadcast according to a schedule, wherein the terminal sends the request to update the record file periodically up to the date and time  
10 scheduled for broadcasting the selected audiovisual content.

12. A method according to claim 9 of recording audiovisual contents broadcast according to a schedule,  
15 wherein the terminal sends the request to update the record file increasingly often as the date and time for recording the selected audiovisual content approaches.

13. A method according to claim 9 of recording  
20 audiovisual contents broadcast according to a schedule, wherein the record file includes a field marked by a markup and defining the address of the update server.

14. A system for recording audiovisual contents broadcast  
25 according to a schedule, adapted to execute a method according to claim 1, wherein the system comprises a presentation server for presenting said audiovisual contents and an access terminal comprising means for selecting a set of contents offered by the presentation  
30 server and having a common topic, the selection of at least one audiovisual content being then automatically executed by the presentation server, on the basis of the set that has been selected in order to supply to the access terminal a record file of the selected audiovisual  
35 content, said file containing information identifying the audiovisual content and the date and time scheduled for broadcasting it.

15. An update server adapted to execute a method according to claim 1, wherein the server includes means for selecting at least one audiovisual content and for  
5 transmitting a record file of the selected audiovisual content, said file containing information identifying the audiovisual content and the date and time scheduled for broadcasting it, on the basis of a set of contents having a common topic selected from the access terminal, and  
10 means for updating the record file, in particular if the selected audiovisual content is modified.

16. An access terminal adapted to execute a method according to claim 1, comprising means for receiving a  
15 record file of a selected audiovisual content, said file containing information identifying the audiovisual content and the date and time scheduled for broadcasting it, which access terminal further comprises means for selecting beforehand a set of contents offered by an  
20 audiovisual content presentation server and having a common topic, the selection of the audiovisual content being then automatically executed by the presentation server, on the basis of the set selected, and means for receiving update data for the record file, in particular  
25 if the selected audiovisual content is modified.